# **West Dover Connector**

(Saulsbury Road Extension)

**Working Group** 

Meeting No. 3
Modern Maturity Center
September 22, 2004







# **Working Group Members**

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# **Opening Remarks - Agenda**

Field Tour

Dinner

Opening Remarks and Update on Resource

**Agency Meeting** 

Update on City of Dover's Zoning Ordinance

**Amendment** 

Revised Goals and Objectives

Key Observations from Field Tour

**Preliminary Concepts** 

Breakout Teams - Work Session on

**Preliminary Concepts** 

**Brief Breakout Team Reports** 

Next Steps

Next Meeting Date and Agenda

Adjourn

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**Bob Kramer** 

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**Breakout Teams** 

**Breakout Team Facilitators** 

Jay Kelley

**Bob Kramer** 





# **Opening Remarks - Project Notebook**

- Tab 1 Meeting Slides
- Tab 2 Meeting Minutes from July 14<sup>th</sup>
- Tab 3 –11 x 17 Concept Maps
- Tab 4 Concept Pros and Cons
- Tab 5 Homework Assignment





# Opening Remarks – Update on Resource Agency Meeting & Field Tour

- Tour- August 31, 2004
- Introduction to:
  - natural and built environment
  - traffic issues
  - engineering issues
  - ideas generated by Working Group







# City of Dover's Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Traditional Neighborhood Design

Mixed Use

City-wide Application





## **Revised Goals**

 Improve the transportation system on the west side of the City of Dover to better accommodate north-south travel movements by developing and evaluating alternatives to connect extend Saulsbury Road with New Burton Road and possibly US Route 13





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# **Revised Objectives**

# Mobility/Congestion/Access

- Provide improved travel options on the south and west sides of the City of Dover for northsouth travel for residents and businesses in surrounding communities and neighborhoods
- Reduce existing and future north-south traffic congestion on the <u>south and</u> west sides of Dover by providing additional capacity, where needed





# Revised Objectives

- Land Use Planning, Economic Growth
   & Development
  - Maximize the compatibility of proposed transportation improvements with the comprehensive plans of Dover, Wyoming, Camden and Kent County and with the longrange plan of the Dover/Kent County MPO





# **Revised Objectives**

#### Public Outreach

 Establish consensus regarding the best way to extend Saulsbury Road to connect with New Burton Road and possibly US Route 13





# **Key Observations from Field Tour**

Common Concerns

Common Questions





#### **Ideas for Alternatives – Breakout Team Results**

# There were a total of 25 ideas for the West Dover Connector from the 6 break-out groups:

- ? 20 of the 25 ideas suggested an extension of Saulsbury Road
- ? 18 of the 25 ideas suggested that the connector road extend up to US 13
- ? 11 of the 25 ideas suggested that the connector road tie in with Charles Polk Road
- ? 6 of the 25 ideas suggested an auxiliary connection with Wyoming Mill Road
- ? 4 of the 25 ideas suggested a connection to Webbs Lane
- ? 3 of the 25 ideas suggested a connection to Wyoming Avenue
- ? 2 of the 25 ideas suggested a connection to New Burton Road only
- ? 2 of the 25 ideas suggest the No-Build option





#### **Table 2 Overall Ideas From Working Group Break-Out Session**

#### 1

#### Ideas for Extension of Saulsbury Road

No.	Concept #	Connector Concept – General Description	Ideas from Group 1 Evio	Ideas from Group 2 Marge	Ideas from Group 3 Erich	Ideas from Group 4 Ed	Ideas from Group 5 Andrew	Ideas from Group 6 Chris
1	1	No Build	1		1			
2	2	Connection to New Burton Road Only	(I)	1				
3	3	Connection to Wyoming Avenue	1	1				
4	4	Connection to Webbs Lane	1	1				
5	5	Connection to Wyoming Mill Road	1					
6	6	Connection to Charles Polk Road		(I)		1		1
7	7	Connection to US 13 around Towns of Camden and Wyoming					1	





#### **Table 2 Overall Ideas From Working Group Break-Out Session**



#### Ideas for Extension of Saulsbury Rd. with Multiple Connections

No.	Concept #	Connector Concept General Description	Ideas from Group 1 Evio	ldeas from Group 2 Marge	Ideas from Group 3 Erich	Ideas from Group 4 Ed	Ideas from Group 5 Andrew	Ideas from Group 6 Chris
8	4 + 5	Multiple connections to Webbs Lane and Wyoming MIII Road	•		1			
9	5 + 6	Multiple connections to Charles Polk Road and Wyoming Mill Road	(I)		1			1
10	3+5+6	Multiple connections to Wyoming Avenue, Charles Polk Road , and Wyoming Mill Road						<u>(1)</u>



#### **Table 2 Overall Ideas From Working Group Break-Out Session**

Ideas for not Extending Saulsbury Rd.

No.	Concept #	Connector Concept – General Description	Ideas from Group 1 Evio	Ideas from Group 2 Marge	Ideas from Group 3 Erich	Ideas from Group 4 Ed	Ideas from Group 5 Andrew	Ideas from Group 6 Chris
11	8	Widen North Street east of Saulsbury Road or provide new parallel road in this area		1				
12	9	Wyoming Mill Road to Charles Polk Road connection					1	
13	10	Realignment of Wyoming Mill Road at Hazlettville Road / North Street				1		





- Concept Maps
- D+H provides a review using a map of each concept:
  - General description
  - What is "on structure" (in the air)
  - Where elevations would likely change
  - What movements are made via ramp, are at-grade and are metered by traffic control device





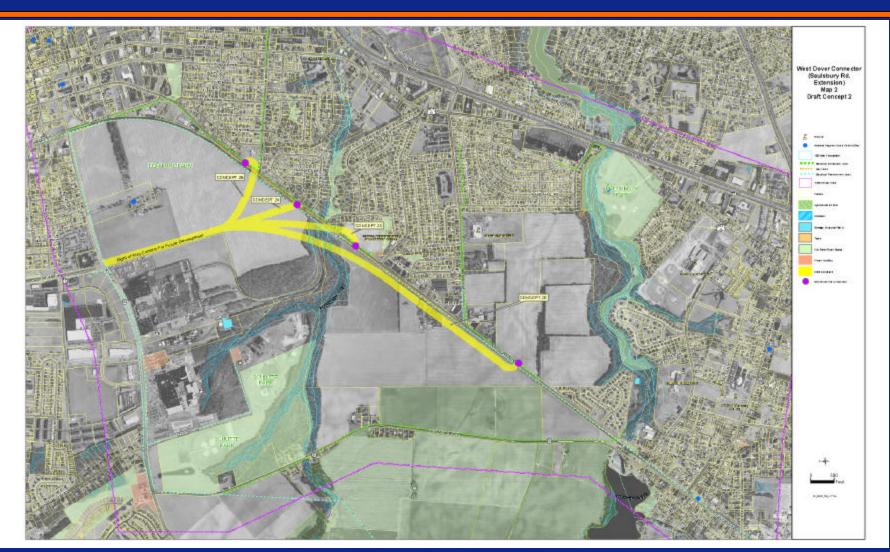
#### No Build







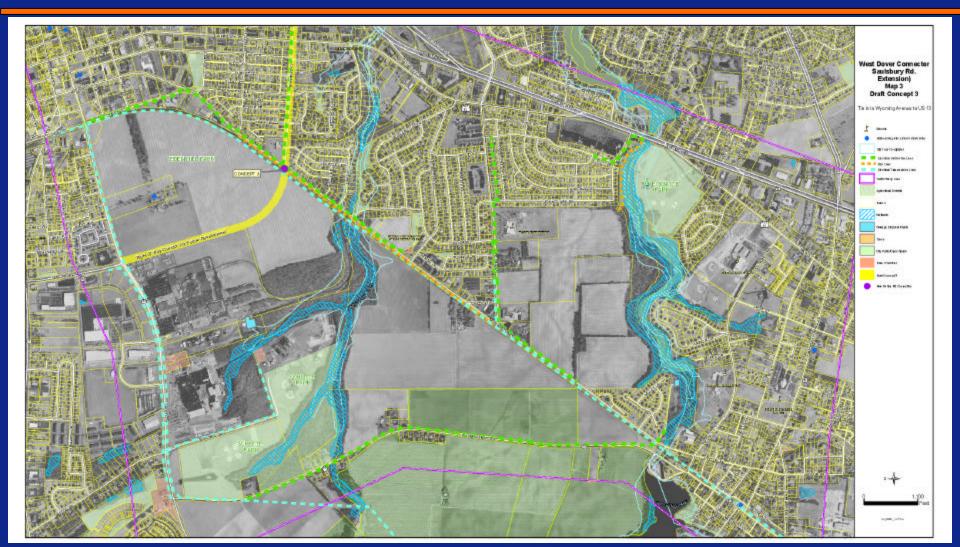
#### **Stop at New Burton Road – 4 Options**







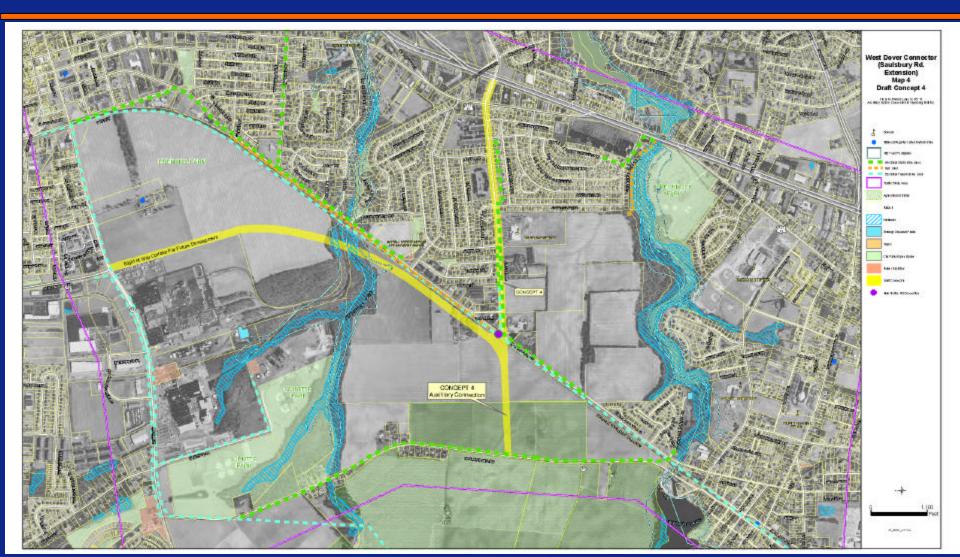
#### **Tie into Wyoming Avenue to US 13**







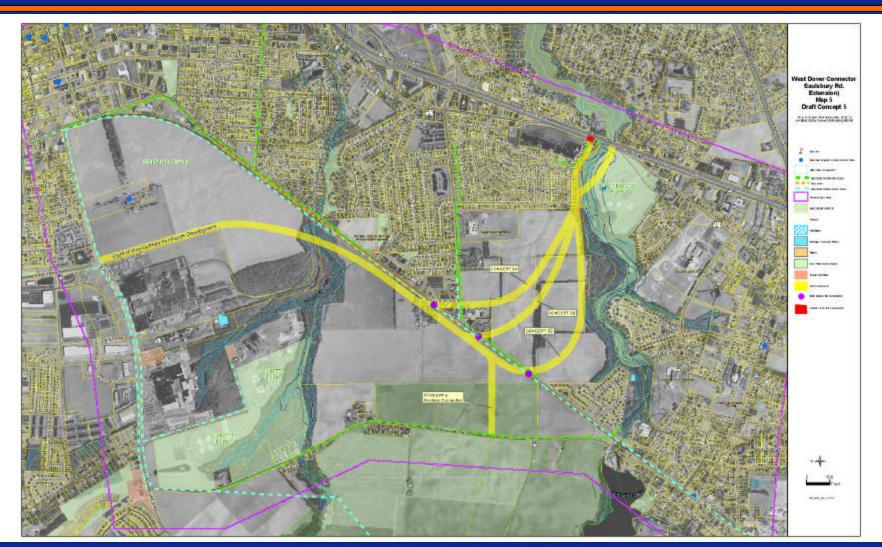
#### **Tie into Webbs Lane to US 13**







#### Tie into Charles Polk Road to US 13







# Bypass Camden and Wyoming and Connect to US 13







# Connect to New Burton Road North of Wyoming Avenue, Widen New Burton Road and Connect to Charles Polk Road to US 13







# Connect Wyoming Mill Road to Webbs Lane to US 13







# Connect Wyoming Mill Road to Charles Polk Road to US 13







#### **Other Ideas**







# **Concepts – Pros and Cons**

No.	Concept	Concept Roadway Layout & Features		Traffic and Travel Patterns (Mobility, Congestion, Access, Safety)	Natural Environment (Land Use Planning, Environment)	Social/Built Environment (Land Use Planning, Environment, Aesthetics)
1- 10	For the No Build and for each Build Concept	This area of the matrix provides a general description of the conceptual roadway, its connection points, and any structures and interchange ramps	Pros	This area of the matrix provides a general assessment of the possible benefits to:  Relieving cutthrough traffic Providing access to transportation facilities to/from neighborhoods and destinations Reducing travel distance and time Improving performance of existing problematic intersections Improving traffic operations for specific movements Improving access across NS railroad Improving traffic circulation	This area of the matrix provides a general assessment of the possible avoidance of affects to:  • waterways • wetlands • floodplains • habitats of potential associated threatened and endangered species	This area of the matrix provides a general assessment of the possible avoidance of affects to:  • existing development for right-of-way acquisition • future development that may occur • parklands, farmland & farmland preservation districts • historic and archeological resources • visual quality, air quality, noise and light And, a general assessment if the opportunity exists to provide or improve access to existing and future parkland





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1-	For the No Build and for each Build Concept	This area of the matrix provides a general description of the conceptual roadway, its connection points, and any structures and interchange ramps	Cons	This area of the matrix provides a general assessment of the possible negative effects or lack of addressing study area traffic problems, where applicable, regarding:  • Cut-through traffic  • Access to facilities and destinations  • Travel distance and travel time  • Intersection performance  • Traffic operations for specific movements  • Access across NS railroad  • Traffic circulation  • Traffic safety issues	This area of the matrix provides a general assessment of the possible adverse affects to:  • waterways  • wetlands  • floodplains  • habitats of potential associated threatened and endangered species	This area of the matrix provides a general assessment of the possible adverse affects to:  • existing development for right-of-way acquisition  • future development that may occur  • parklands, farmland & farmland preservation districts  • historic and archeological resources  • visual quality, air quality, noise and light And, a general assessment if no opportunity exists to provide or improve access to existing and future parkland





# **Working Group**

- Breakout Teams Work Session on Concepts
  - Review the concepts generated
  - Are there other ideas?
  - What are your likes and dislikes?
  - What questions need to be answered/ information needed?





#### **Ideas for Alternatives**

- Brief Breakout Team Reports
- Reminder: Homework Assignment due Oct 1<sup>st</sup>





# **Next Steps**

- Working Group Homework Likes/Dislikes – due October 1st
- Team Will Use Feedback to Refine Conceptual Ideas and Pros/Cons
- Meet in October to Discuss Alternatives
- Hold Public Workshop on Alternatives
  - schedule will be determined based on progress of October meeting





# **Next Meeting**

# **Fourth Working Group Meeting**

### **Time and Date**

Wednesday, October 20, 2004, 5:30PM

#### **Location**

Modern Maturity Center, DuPont Ballroom

1121 Forrest Avenue

Dover, DE 19904

# Save the Date - Possible Public Workshop

Wednesday, November 10, 2004



